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Minister	Hon Chris Penk	Portfolio	Building and Construction
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List of documents that have been proactively released

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Information redacted

YES

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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Building and Construction Sector Amendment Bills: Approval for Introduction

Portfolio **Building and Construction**

On 6 November 2025, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that both the Building and Construction Sector (Self-Certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill and the Building and Construction Sector (Strengthening Occupational Licensing Regimes) Amendment Bill (together, the Bills) Confidential advice to Government
- 2 **noted** that the Building and Construction Sector (Self-Certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill amends the Building Act 2004 and the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 to introduce a new scheme to allow qualified plumbers and drainlayers to certify that their work complies with a building consent, without the need for a building consent authority inspection;
- 3 **noted** that the Building and Construction Sector (Strengthening Occupational Licensing Regimes) Amendment Bill amends the Building Act 2004, the Electricity Act 1992 and the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006 by strengthening licensing and disciplinary processes for practitioners in the sector;

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- 4 **noted** that, throughout the drafting process for the Bills, several drafting changes were identified that require amendments to Cabinet decisions, which are outlined in Appendix 1 under LEG-25-SUB-0218;
- 5 **agreed** to the amendments referred to in paragraph 4 above;
- 6 **agreed** that a new offence will be added to the plumbers, gasfitters, and drainlayers regulatory regime for failing or refusing to surrender an endorsement when required by the Registrar;
- 7 **noted** that the Minister for Building and Construction will be seeking approval from the parliamentary Business Committee to associate the Bills at all readings;
- 8 **authorised** the Minister for Building and Construction to make any changes required by the Business Committee, as per the paper under LEG-25-SUB-0218;

- 9 **approved** the Building and Construction Sector (Self-Certification by Plumbers and Drainlayers) Amendment Bill [PCO 26194/7.0] and the Building and Construction Sector (Strengthening Occupational Licensing Regimes) Amendment Bill [PCO 23502/4.0] for introduction;
- 10 **agreed** that the Bills be introduced by 11 November 2025;
- 11 **agreed** that the Government propose the Bills be:
- 11.1 referred to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee for consideration;
- 11.2 enacted by April 2026 (subject to approval to associate), or as soon as practical thereafter.

Tom Kelly
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Nicole McKee
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon James Meager
Stuart Smith, MP
Jamie Arbuckle, MP

Officials present from:

Officials Committee for LEG
Office of the Attorney-General
Office of the Minister for the Environment